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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALEXANDRE A.N. BAPTISTA
APPLICATION NO.: 10/789,456
FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004
FOR: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH
VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

EXAMINER: HARMON, CHRISTOPHER R.
ART UNIT: 3721
CONF. NO: 5171
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
37469-8013.US01

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment & Response Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Provisional Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

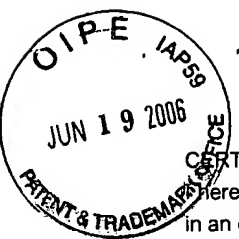
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins of page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.